

What is a Controlled Hunt?

It is a hunt with a limited number of tags in a specific area for a specific species. It is like a general season, but the number of hunters is limited. Controlled hunts are often desirable because of location and timing, and success rates are usually higher than general season hunts. Controlled hunt tags are allocated by a random drawing. Any hunter with a valid Idaho hunting license may apply, with some restrictions. The odds of drawing a tag depend on the number of other applicants and the number of tags available. To participate in a controlled hunt, a hunter must have a **hunting license**. The hunter also must buy a **tag** for the hunt in which he or she was drawn.

To apply, see instructions on page 83. Controlled hunt applications may be submitted at any hunting and fishing license vendor, Fish and Game office, with a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT5 or online at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

(Rules for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat controlled hunts are covered in their own brochure.)

Eligibility: Any person with a valid Idaho hunting license may apply, subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a nongame hunting license may **not** apply for any controlled hunt.
- A person who has applied for a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose controlled hunt may not apply for any other controlled hunt in the same year, **except** unlimited controlled hunts, a controlled black bear hunt, controlled turkey hunt, extra deer, extra elk, or extra pronghorn controlled hunts, or a designated depredation hunt. In addition, applicants for bighorn sheep, mountain goat or moose controlled hunts are eligible to participate in the second deer, elk and pronghorn application period and in first-come, first-served deer, elk and pronghorn controlled hunt tag sales.
- A person whose name was drawn in an antlered-only controlled deer hunt may **not** apply for any other controlled antlered-only deer hunt for one year **except** for the second deer, elk and pronghorn application period and leftover controlled hunt drawings or sales.
- For example, a hunter who drew a tag in an antlered-only deer hunt in 2011, cannot apply for another antlered-only deer hunt until 2013, in the first application period. However, they can apply for another antlered deer hunt in the 2012 season during the second application period.
- This waiting period also applies to antlered-only controlled elk hunts.
- There is **no** waiting period to apply for any other deer, elk, pronghorn or black bear controlled hunt tags. The one-year waiting period does not apply to controlled hunts with an unlimited number of tags or Landowner Appreciation tags.

Tags: No person may participate in any controlled hunt without a valid controlled hunt tag in their possession. Tags issued based on erroneous information are invalid, and may **not** be used. Fish and Game will notify the person if the tag has been invalidated. The person will remain on the drawn list, and if there is a waiting period in a succeeding year, the person will be required to wait the specified time period. Controlled hunt tags may not be exchanged for general season tags.

Any person whose name is drawn in a controlled hunt for deer or elk is prohibited from hunting in any other hunt for the same species (archery, muzzleloader or general), **except** when the hunter has been selected in a controlled extra tag or depredation hunt drawing, or has purchased a leftover nonresident general season tag for that species at the nonresident price.

Nonresident Tag Limitations: In controlled hunts with 10 or fewer tags, not more than one nonresident tag may be issued. In controlled hunts with more than 10 tags, **except** unlimited controlled hunts, not more than 10 percent of the tags may be issued to nonresidents. **Note:** If a resident applies for a controlled hunt on a group application with a nonresident, and the 10-percent nonresident limitation has been met, the entire group application will be rejected, including any residents.

Restrictions:

- Only one application per person or group will be accepted for the same species, **except** a person may apply for one extra deer hunt and one extra elk hunt.
- Several applications may be submitted in a single envelope (see the controlled hunt worksheet, page 83) as long as each application is for a single species.
- Two, three or four hunters applying together for the same deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt is considered a group application.
- Two hunters applying together for the same black bear or turkey controlled hunt is considered a group application.
- If a group application exceeds the number of tags available in a hunt, that application will be rejected.

Youth only: Some controlled hunts are limited to youths only. Only hunters under 18 years of age with a valid license may apply for a youth-only hunt, **except** hunters 65 or older, or possessing a disabled combination license may buy a leftover youth-only controlled hunt tag, first-come, first-served, beginning at 10 a.m. Mountain Time, August 25.

Application Instructions

To Complete the Application Worksheet: Enter the complete **hunt number** of your first and second (optional) choice. Controlled hunt numbers are found in the left hand column of the controlled hunt tables. The hunt numbers are subject to change each year so be sure to use this 2012 Big Game Seasons brochure when applying for any deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt in 2012 or January 2013. The spring 2013 black bear controlled hunts are also listed in this brochure.

Each hunting license has an 11-digit number. Enter the complete hunting license number.

Group Applicants: Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, spring and fall black bear, moose, sheep, or goat. Up to four hunters may apply on the same application for deer, elk, or pronghorn.

Unreadable, Incomplete Applications: Any application that is unreadable, has incomplete or incorrect hunt or license numbers, or that lacks the required fee will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing.

Any person desiring to change an application after it has been submitted may cancel it at a regional Fish and Game office or headquarters. You must pay all fees again when re-applying.

Drawing results: It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he or she was successful in drawing a controlled hunt.

Controlled Hunt Worksheet Application

Application worksheets may be mailed, with proper fees, to any Fish and Game office, see page 4.
The main office is Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P. O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

How Many Hunters Are Applying?

**DESIGNATE \$1
of FEE TO C.A.P?**
(Citizens Against Poaching)

(Single application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)

NAME #1

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

Yes

No

(Group application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)

NAME #2

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

(Group application for deer, elk, or pronghorn only)

NAME #3

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

(Group application for deer, elk, or pronghorn only)

NAME #4

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

1st Choice Hunt Number

2nd Choice Hunt Number

*Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only.
You may photocopy this form.*

Application fee is Resident \$6.25, Nonresident \$14.75 per person per species.

Controlled Hunt Application

Applications may be submitted electronically at any Fish and Game license vendor; made using a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT5 or on the Internet at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Application worksheets may be mailed, with proper fees, to any Fish and Game office (see page 4). The main office is Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P. O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Use the worksheet page 83 to speed up the application process. Fill in the blanks with your hunting license and controlled hunt numbers before you apply.

Fees

Applicants for controlled hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn or black bear must submit a nonrefundable application fee with each application. **The fee is \$6.25 for each resident and \$14.75 for each nonresident applicant for each species;** \$1 of this fee may be designated for the Citizens Against Poaching program.

A single payment, either cashier's check, money order, certified check or personal check, may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope when using the controlled hunt worksheet and applying by mail. If a payment is insufficient to cover fees, all applications will be voided.

Do not mail cash.

Do not include tag fees with controlled hunt application.

Phone applications for controlled hunt drawings for deer, elk, bear, or pronghorn may be processed by using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover cards, and calling: 1-800-554-8685. The charge for processing phone-in applications is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50**, in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

Internet applications may be made on the Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Internet charge is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50**, in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

Drawing Results

Applicant Notification: All successful applicants, except those applying for spring black bear, will be sent a post card at the address listed on their hunting license by July 10. Successful spring black bear applicants will be notified by mail no later than March 10. Results also will be available on the Fish and Game website, <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Successful applicants for deer, elk, fall black bear or pronghorn controlled hunts must purchase their controlled hunt tag not later than August 1, at any license vendor, Fish and Game office, through the Internet, or by telephone at 800-554-8685. Maps of controlled hunt areas are available at Fish and Game regional offices.

Applicants who already have a general season tag must return it to a Fish and Game office to be exchanged for the appropriate controlled hunt tag.

Nonresident hunting license holders who already have tags will be notified to send them in for exchange.

Lifetime license (Certificate) holders with nonresident tag privileges, who already have tags, will be notified to send them in for exchange.

Unclaimed Tags: All deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt tags not picked up by August 1 will be entered into a second controlled hunt drawing.

Leftover Controlled Hunts

Second drawings: To ensure everyone has equal opportunity at leftover and unclaimed controlled hunt tags, there will be two drawings for deer, elk, pronghorn and fall black bear hunts. All unclaimed tags, and all leftovers, (does not include unlimited hunts) will be available for a second drawing on August 20. The application period is from August 5 to 15.

Any tags left over after the second drawing will be sold first-come, first-served. The 10 percent nonresident limitation shall not apply. **Applicants for a leftover tag must submit the application fee.**

Nonresident quotas and waiting period restrictions do not apply in the second drawing or leftover sales.

Leftover controlled hunt tags from the second deer, elk, pronghorn and fall black bear drawing go on sale August 25.

Leftover controlled hunt tags for spring black bear go on sale April 1.

Mark your calendar for:

- **May 1 - June 5** – First deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear application period.
- **July 10** – Winners of first deer, elk, pronghorn drawing notified by this date.
- **August 1** – Last date to purchase tags from first deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear drawing.
- **August 5-15** – Second application period for deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear.
- **August 25** – Winners of second drawing for deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall bear will be notified by this date.
- **August 25** – Leftover tags from second deer, elk, pronghorn, bear drawing go on sale at 10 a.m.
- **August 28** – Residents or nonresidents may buy a leftover nonresident general season deer or elk tag at full nonresident price starting this day, as a second tag.

Unsuccessful applicants may participate in general hunts where appropriate tags are available.

Refunds and Overpayment

Refunds: Fees for hunting licenses will not be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. Application fees for controlled hunts are not refundable.

Overpayments: Overpayment of fees of more than \$5 will be refunded.

Overpayments of \$5 or less will **not** be refunded and will be retained by Fish and Game.

Extra Deer and Elk Hunts

All controlled deer and elk hunt areas designated by an “X” are extra deer or elk hunts, usually for antlerless deer or elk. Hunters may apply for a regular controlled hunt and a controlled hunt designated for extra deer and elk tags on a separate application. For example, you may apply for a regular controlled hunt and send in a second controlled hunt application for an X hunt. Hunters also may buy a general deer and elk tag, and apply for an X hunt. If you draw a tag for an X hunt, you could harvest a deer or elk during the general season and a second deer or elk in the extra controlled hunt.

Unlimited hunts

Unlimited hunts are controlled hunts in which only those who apply during the regular controlled hunt period can obtain a tag.

Special Hunts, Tags and Permits

Depredation Hunts

Special controlled hunts are sometimes used to relieve big game damage problems on agricultural crops. If these hunts are needed, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas and be limited to a few hunters.

How Can I Participate?

If you are an Idaho resident with a valid hunting or combination license, fill out the form on page 86 and mail it to the regional office in the area(s) you are willing to hunt. You, and a partner if you like, may apply for deer, elk, pronghorn, and black bear. However you may only apply once for each species, each year. You don't need to apply for all four species in the same region. These forms may be copied if necessary.

All applications received before June 30 will be placed in random order. All applications received after June 30 will be placed at the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1 to the following June 30.

What Are My Chances of Drawing A Depredation Hunt Tag?

Most regions issue only a handful of depredation tags each year. If a controlled antlerless or doe/fawn hunt is open or about to open in the depredation area, holders of those tags will be given the first option to participate in the depredation hunt. After antlerless or doe/fawn controlled hunts have ended, participants will be selected in order from the depredation hunt list.

Generally, applications received after June 30 have little chance of being selected.

Landowner Permission Hunts

These hunts are a form of depredation hunts. They are established in areas with chronic depredation problems where depredation hunts are an annual occurrence. Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Instead, Landowner Permission Hunt forms (a triplicate form provided by Fish and Game) are provided to landowners prior to the season or upon verifying a depredation problem that cannot be resolved by non-lethal means. Landowners can then provide the permission form to sportsmen. Landowners and sportsmen must fill out and sign their respective portions of the forms. Sportsmen must provide one copy of the form to the landowner and bring the remaining two copies to the Nampa, McCall, Jerome, Pocatello, or headquarters Fish and Game office where they can purchase their controlled hunt tag after July 15.

Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Elk and Pronghorn Permit

A pass is required from the Idaho Fish and Game office, 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, to hunt elk in the Lemhi, Beaverhead or Snake River Elk Zones or pronghorn in Units 51, 58, or 63 within one-half mile inside the north and east boundary of the Idaho National Laboratory, which is adjacent to agricultural land. Hunting of all other species on INL land is prohibited.

Landowner Appreciation Program Tags

Idaho Code authorizes the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to establish a limited number of controlled hunt tags for landowners that provide important wildlife habitat values for deer, elk, or pronghorn. Landowner Appreciation Program tags are made available, through a drawing process, in areas where hunting opportunity is limited to controlled hunts as partial recognition for landowners supporting wildlife and maintaining the hunting heritage. Landowners with at least 320 acres that provide significant habitat values for deer, elk or pronghorn are eligible to apply for any leftover tags after the first drawing. LAP tags are in addition to tags available in regular controlled hunts. In most cases, LAP tags are set at an additional 10 percent of the regular controlled hunt level. In a few areas, such as Units 40, 41, 42, 45, and 52, the Commission has authorized LAP tag levels at an additional 25 percent of regular controlled hunt levels for some species. Landowners registered in the program apply through a separate drawing held during June - July and may or may not successfully draw depending on the number of landowners applying and the number of tags available. If successful, a landowner may designate his or her tag to another individual.

Idaho state law prohibits selling or marketing landowner appreciation tags.

For additional information concerning LAP, including land registration, application process, and landowner eligibility rules, visit the Fish and Game website at <http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

2012 - 2013 DEPREDAATION HUNT APPLICATION

1st Hunter _____ Hunting license No. _____
 Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

2nd Hunter _____ Hunting license No. _____
 Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

I/We are applying for (check one) ☐ Deer ☐ Elk ☐ Black Bear ☐ Turkey ☐ Pronghorn Depredation Hunts

Game Management Units

Send To:

1-7, 92885 W. Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

8, 8A, 10-19, 203316 - 16th St., Lewiston, ID 83501

19A, 20A, 22-26, 31-35, 38-423101 South Powerline Rd., Nampa, ID 83686

43-49, 52-57324 South 417 East, Suite #1, Jerome, ID 83338

66A, 68, 68A, 70-781345 Barton Rd., Pocatello, ID 83204

50, 51, 58-66, 67, 694279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

21, 21A, 27-30A, 36-37AP.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467

Clip and mail to appropriate Regional Office, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Attn.: Depredation Hunts.

Other Tag Information

Exchanging Deer or Elk Tags: Hunters may exchange general season elk tags for use in another zone at any Fish and Game office. Deer hunters may exchange a general season deer tag for a white-tailed deer tag at any Fish and Game office. **The exchange must be completed before the first hunt opening date of the tag you currently in possess.** For elk general seasons with a tag quota, exchange must be made before the quota has been met. **Only one exchange is allowed.** A fee of \$3.75 will be charged.

Resident Youth General Elk Tag

Resident youth elk hunters who purchase a general season elk zone tag while they are between ages 12 and 17, inclusive, may participate in any A or B tag elk season within the specified zone, regardless of whether they purchased an A tag or B tag. All other season, weapon restrictions, and commission rules apply. Controlled hunts are excluded.

Nonresident Deer, Elk Tag for Bear, Mountain Lion or Gray Wolf

Nonresident deer and elk tags, **excluding** Nonresident Junior Mentored deer or elk tags, are valid to take a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf, if a season is open for that species, instead of a deer or elk where and when the deer or elk tag is valid, and there is an open deer or elk season in that same unit. Hunters may buy other bear, lion or wolf tags, but after the deer or elk tag is used to harvest a deer, elk, black bear, mountain lion, or gray wolf, a second deer or elk tag may not be purchased – except by buying a leftover nonresident deer or elk tag when available.

Resident Purchase of Nonresident Deer or Elk Tag

Residents or nonresidents may buy one unsold general season nonresident deer tag and/or elk tag at the nonresident price starting August 28, to be used as a second tag. This second nonresident general season deer or elk tag may also be used to tag a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf instead of a deer.



Nonresident Reduced Bear and Mountain Lion Tags

In the Lolo, Selway, or Middle Fork Zone units (Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27), and in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River, nonresidents may use reduced bear or reduced mountain lion tags, available at the discounted price of \$31.75. Reduced bear and reduced mountain lion tags are valid **only** in these units. *To hunt bears and lions in any other unit, hunters must purchase a regular bear or lion tag at the regular price.*

Hunters who have already purchased a bear or lion tag at the regular price will not get a refund to purchase a reduced tag.

Nonresident Tag Quotas: There is a quota on nonresident deer and elk tags. Quotas may be exceeded under the following conditions:

- Persons who have moved into Idaho and are establishing residency who can, by affidavit, show proof of their intent to become bona fide residents, but are not yet fully qualified to buy a resident license, may purchase a nonresident deer tag and nonresident elk tag through the headquarters or regional offices.
- Fish and Game may, upon receipt of an unused nonresident deer or elk tag and a notarized affidavit stating that the tag

buyer has not hunted, issue an additional tag to provide a hunting opportunity within the nonresident hunter quota before the opening of the season for which the tag is valid as follows:

- To another nonresident designated by the buyer.
- If the buyer does not make a choice and has retained an outfitter or guide, the outfitter or guide may make the designation.
- If no designation is made by the above, Idaho Fish and Game may sell the replacement tag on a first-come, first-served basis. The designated buyer will pay the regular fee for the replacement tag.

Note: Nonresident tags may sell out early.



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